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ON NATO AID TO TURKEY

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1. GREEK GOVT ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENT FEB 27
REBUTTING NATO SYG LUNS PUBLIC REMARKS EARLIER THIS WEEK
CONCERNING NATO'S ROLE IN QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO TURKEY. GOG STATEMENT WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO "FOREIGN
MINISTRY CIRCLES" NOTED THAT LUNS ONCE AGAIN APPEARED TO
BE UNINFORMED WITH REFERENCE TO HIS REMARKS "TO EFFECT THAT
NATO INTENDS TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO TURKEY TO PERMIT
TURKEY TO FACE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AS A RESULT OF
SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE." GREEK STATEMENT
ADDED THAT "IT WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT THE
OBJECT OF SUSPENDING AMERICAN MILITARY AID WAS NOT TO
WEAKEN THE ATLANTIC (SIC) POTENTIAL, BUT RATHER BECAUSE TURKEY
VIOLATED AMERICAN LAW BY USING MILITARY EQUIPMENT GRANTED
TO IT..."

2. GREEK GOVERNMENT'S EARLIER CRITICISM OF SYG LUNS

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WAS AIRED LAST SUMMER BY THEN FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE

MAVROS WHO BLAMED LUNS FOR NATO'S "NEUTRALITY"
DURING CYPRUS CRISIS (ATHENS 5719 AND 5765.)
ATHENS NEWSPAPERS UNIFORMLY CARRIED GOG
STATEMENT WITHOUT EXPANDING ON OTHER ASPECTS OF LUNS'
COMMENTS TO PRESS.
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